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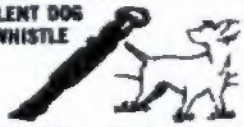

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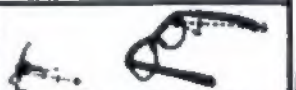

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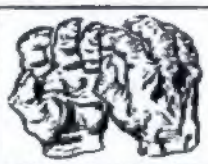

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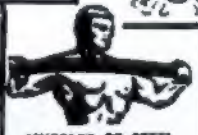

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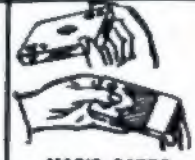

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THE ROTTING GHOULS

NO! STAY AWAY FROM ME! YAAAAAH!

YOU CAN'T ESCAPE, SIMON! I HAVE NO BRAIN, BUT I CAN THINK!

I HAVE NO EYES, BUT I CAN SEE!

I HAVE NO HANDS, BUT I CAN CHOKE!

AND I HAVE NO HEART-- BUT I FEEL TRIUMPH!

SIMON LORENS WAS UGLY AND MISSHAPEN, BUT NEVERTHELESS, HE HAD NORMAL DESIRES...

MAYBE NOW YOU'LL STAY AWAY FROM GRETA, YOU UNGRATEFUL WRETCH!

OWWWW!

OH, CARL! HE TRIED TO MAKE LOVE TO ME...

THERE, THERE, DEAREST! HE WON'T HARM YOU AGAIN!

JUST WAIT! I'LL FIX HIM FOR DARING TO TOUCH ME! I'LL *FIX* HIM!

SOON GRETA AND CARL WERE MARRIED AND SIMON TURNED TO DR. RATNER AND HIS PLASTIC SURGERY FOR HELP...
REMEMBER, SIMON! I HAVEN'T SAID I CAN CHANGE YOU! BUT YOU OWE ME NOTHING NO MATTER HOW YOU LOOK!
STOP YOUR CHATTER, RATNER! REMOVE THE BANDAGES-- HURRY!
I DON'T WANT YOU TO BE DISAPPOINTED... YOUR TISSUES WERE VERY DIFFICULT TO CUT...
HURRY! HURRY UP!

AIIIEEE! MY FACE--LOOK AT MY FACE! I'M EVEN MORE UGLY THAN BEFORE!
AIEEEE!

SIMON, I WARNED YOU OF WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN!
NO! YOU DID IT DELIBERATELY! BUT I'LL PAY YOU FOR IT... I'LL PAY YOU BACK!

SIMON THEN CHANCED HIS LUCK ON A DRUG AND HERB STORE IN THE VILLAGE...
HO, SIMON! SO YOU NOW WANT TO BE A BUSINESS-MAN, EH? WELL--YOU'LL HAVE PLENTY OF COMPETITION!
BAH! STAY OUT OF MY AFFAIRS, VILANO!
DRUGS HERBS

WELL, SIMON! WE CAN'T ALL BE GOOD BUSINESSMEN! HA, HA...
YOU HAVE DELIBERATELY STOLEN MY CUSTOMERS AWAY FROM ME! WAIT! WAIT! I'LL FIX YOU!

DAYS LATER, HE WENT TO SEE MARLIN, THE BANKER, FOR A LOAN!
NO! I REFUSE, SIMON! IN MY OPINION, YOU'LL NEVER BE A BUSINESSMAN!
PLEASE! I'LL PAY IT BACK TO YOU WITHIN A MONTH! PLEASE!

YOU DIDN'T MAKE ONE CENT PROFIT IN YOUR BUSINESS, SIMON, I CAN'T TAKE THE RISK!
KEEP YOUR GOLD-- BUT MY DAY WILL COME! YOU JUST WAIT!

SIMON SOON GOT A SUITABLE JOB... THAT OF CARETAKER AND EMBALMER FOR THE DEAD! THIS GAVE HIS EVIL MIND A CHANCE TO SPAWN A LOATHESOME SCHEME...
LET'S SEE WHETHER GRETA LOVES YOU NOW, CARL... DRINK IT DOWN! YOU'LL ENJOY IT! HA, HA...

...AND NOW LET'S MAKE A TOAST TO OUR YOUNG SWEETHEARTS! MAY THEY HAVE A LONG AND HAPPY LIFE TOGETHER!
I'LL DRINK TO THAT!
GOOD! NO ONE WILL EVER FIND THE POISON IN YOUR SYSTEM! IT IS UNTRACEABLE!

THAT NEXT MORNING CARL DIED FROM A "HEART-ATTACK" ACCORDING TO DOCTOR RATNER! BUT COINCIDENCE PLAYED A GHASTLY TRICK, THE OLD DOCTOR ALSO SUCCUMBED TO THE GRIM REAPER...
HE WAS A GOOD MAN!
TWO OF MY ENEMIES ARE ELIMINATED! NOW FOR THE REMAINING TWO!

THE VERY NEXT DAY AT EARLY DAWN, SIMON MADE HIS WAY TO A HIGH BRIDGE!
THERE! LET VILANO COME!

SIMON HAD SAVED THE CORPSE OF A GIANT MAN LONG DEAD AND ROTTING TO THE DECAYED BONES, HE BEGAN TO SEW ON VARIOUS BITS OF FLESH...

DAY AFTER DAY, SIMON LORENS WORKED ON THE ROTTED CORPSE, MAKING IT A COMPOSITE OF ALL H ENEMIES!
HA, HA... WE'LL SEE SOON! HA, HA...
AT LAST, IT WAS FINISHED! SIMON STRAPPED IT AGAINST THE CRYPT TABLE!
HOW YOU JERK AND TWIST! HOW YOU SQUIRM! HA, HA... THAT'S NOT ALL! JUST WAIT!
FASTER, FASTER! SPIN, YOU DYNAMOS! WHIRL, YOU ELECTRIC BOBBLES! LET IT TRY TO GET AWAY FROM ME NOW! THIS IS REVENGE! THIS IS WHAT I HAVE DREAMED ABOUT!
AS THAT HORRIBLE ELECTRICAL WHINING PENETRATED THE SILENCE OF NIGHT, SOMETHING STIRRED IN THE GRAVE-YARD OF THE DEAD! THE FULL-MOON HAD REACHED ITS PEAK IN THE SKY!
THERE, BROTHERS! THE ONE WE SEEK IS IN THERE!
SIMON!
I'LL RAISE THE JUICE UP SOME MORE! I'LL-- AAAIAIIIEE!

G-GET AWAY FROM ME! YOU'RE DEAD! YOU CAN'T COME BACK TO LIFE! AAAAIIIE!
WE WANT YOU WITH US, SIMON! WE CANNOT REST PEACEFULLY UNTIL YOU JOIN US!

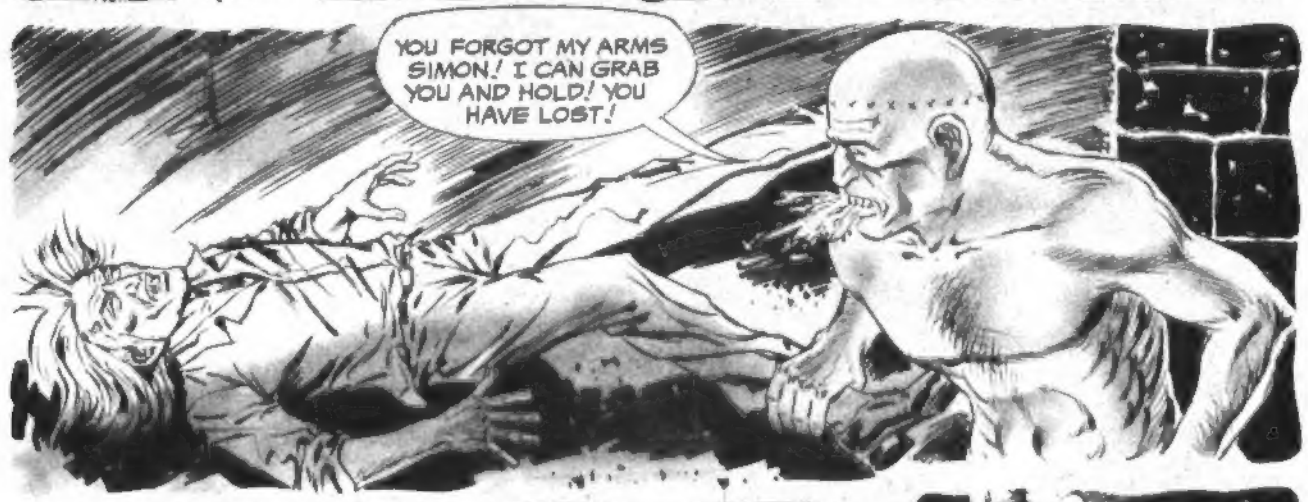
I'LL RUN TOWARDS THE SWAMPS! THEY'LL NEVER CATCH ME THERE! I KNOW MY WAY AROUND THAT PLACE!

YOU CAN'T EVER DECIEVE US AGAIN, SIMON! THE DEAD SEE EVERYTHING!
THEY'RE COMING CLOSER--CLOSER! I'VE GOT TO THINK OF SOMETHING!

I CAN'T SEE YOU, SIMON! BUT I CAN HOLD YOU IN MY ARMS!
I CAN'T CATCH YOU, SIMON! BUT I CAN SEE YOU!
JUST TRY IT! I'LL ESCAPE BOTH OF YOU! HA, HA... YOU'RE DEAD THINGS... DEAD! AND I'M ALIVE! HA, HA...

I HAVE NO HEAD, SIMON! BUT I STILL HAVE HANDS AND FEET!
YES... YOU HAVE HANDS AND FEET--BUT NO BRAIN! YOU'RE WITLESS... AND I'LL ALWAYS OUTSMART YOU LIKE I'M DOING NOW! HA, HA...

AND AS FOR YOU, I'LL PUSH YOU INTO THE QUICKSAND! DIE! DIE... HA, HA... DIE, AGAIN... A CORPSE WITH NO HEART CAN APPRECIATE MY JOKE! HA, HA...
ARRRGHH!



THE NIGHT MERGED INTO DAWN AND DAWN BROUGHT THE TOWNSPEOPLE! THEY FOUND SIMON AND THEY FOUND THE MYSTERIOUS CORPSE, BOTH DEAD!

FOR RESTING IN ITS MUTILATED TORN CHEST CAVITY WAS THE HEART OF SIMON LORENS... SHRIVELED AND BLEEDING, BLEEDING WITH FINALITY AND DOOM! THE VENGEANCE OF THE CORPSES HAD BEEN COMPLETE!

THE END

LIKE A SCHEMING WOMAN SHE DROVE HERSELF INTO THE

JAWS OF TERROR

I NEVER NEEDED AN EXTERMINATOR BEFORE THIS GUY SHANE ANY GOOD?

GOOD? HE'S THE BEST! HE REALLY PUTS HIS SOUL INTO HIS WORK!

YES, BARNEY WAS TOPS! NO RAT OR ROACH COULD PUT ANYTHING OVER ON HIM!

LOOK AT THAT GUY! LIKE AN ARCHITECT... HE MAKES A SKETCH OF THE WHOLE HOUSE!

GOTTA FIGURE OUT HOW THEM SQUIRRELS GET IN NO USE STARTING TILL MY PLAN OF ATTACK IS PERFECT!

BARNEY MAPPED OUT A FOOLPROOF CAMPAIGN... AND AFTER THAT, THE REST WAS EASY!

HEH-HEH! WON'T BE NO SQUIRRELS IN HERE WHEN I GET THROUGH!

EVERY CUSTOMER A SATISFIED CUSTOMER WAS BARNEY'S MOTTO... AND HE SURE LIVED UP TO IT!

THANKS FOR RECOMMENDING SHANE, SINCE HE'S BEEN OVER, WE HAVEN'T HAD A BIT OF TROUBLE.

THAT'S WHAT I TOLD YOU, HE'S TOPS!

UNFORTUNATELY, THOUGH, BARNEY HAD ONE DISSATISFIED CUSTOMER...

SO NICE MEETING YOU, MRS. SHANE. WHAT *LINE* DID YOU SAY YOUR *HUSBAND* WAS IN?

I KNEW IT! EVERY TIME I HAVE A *CHANCE* TO *GET SOMEWHERE SOCIALLY* THEY FIND OUT WHAT BARNEY DOES AND DROP ME!

WHY, BARNEY'S IN THE... ER... *BUILDING LINE!*

WONDERFUL! HE'LL PROBABLY HAVE A LOT IN COMMON WITH *MY* HUSBAND. HENRY'S IN *STEEL*. MAYBE WE CAN SEE EACH OTHER SOON!

LET'S MAKE IT THURSDAY I'LL CHECK WITH SOME OF THE OTHERS AND SEE IF THAT DATES ALL RIGHT WITH THEM.

HMMM... THERE'S THAT OLD MRS. SCOVILLE WHISPERING... WHISPERING... TELLING WHAT BARNEY REALLY DOES, MOST LIKELY!

MOMENTS LATER, MRS. SHANE'S FEARS WERE VERIFIED WHEN...

SO SORRY, DEAR, COU OTHERS COULDN'T MAKE IT THURSDAY NIGHT, WE'LL MAKE IT THURSDAY NIGHT. WE'LL MAKE IT SOME... ER *OTHER TIME!*

YEH... I COULD *KILL YOU* AND *MRS. SCOVILLE* ...AND *BARNEY!*

YES, MRS. SHANE COULD VERY EASILY HAVE DONE SOME EXTERMINATING OF HER OWN AT THAT MINUTE...

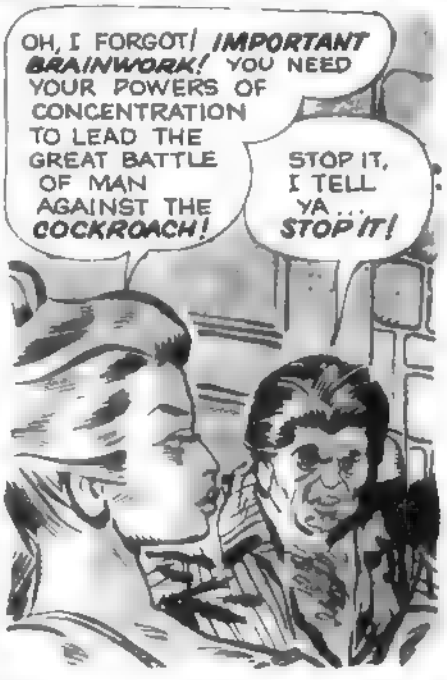
THAT BARNEY! I'LL HAVE A GOOD TALK WITH HIM TONIGHT!

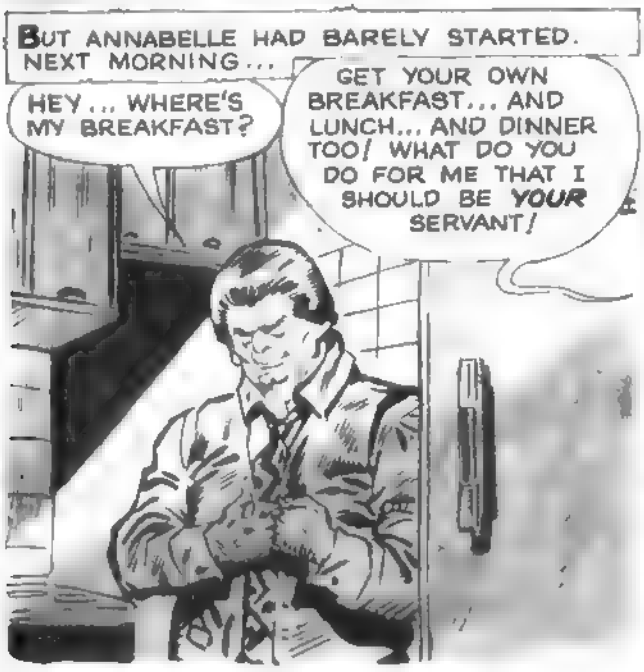
THAT NIGHT...
I HAD A SWELL DAY ANNABELLE!
BIG DEAL! WELL, THAT'S THE LAST EXTERMINATING JOB YOU'RE GOING TO DO!

WH-WHAT DO YOU MEAN? WHAT'S EATING YOU?
I'M FED UP! I DECIDED YOU'RE GONNA GO INTO A NEW LINE OF WORK!

YOU CRAZY? THAT'S ALL I KNOW! IT... IT'S MY LIFE!
OTHER WOMEN'S HUSBANDS DEAL WITH PEOPLE... BUT WHEN THEY FIND OUT WHAT YOU DO, IT FINISHES ME!

IT'S... HUMILIATING! HOW DO YOU THINK I FEEL WHEN...
ALL RIGHT! ENOUGH! SHUT UP ALREADY! IT'S LATE AND I GOTTA WORR TOMORROW!


OH, I FORGOT! IMPORTANT BRAINWORK! YOU NEED YOUR POWERS OF CONCENTRATION TO LEAD THE GREAT BATTLE OF MAN AGAINST THE COCKROACH!
STOP IT, I TELL YA... STOP IT!


BUT ANNABELLE HAD BARELY STARTED. NEXT MORNING...
HEY... WHERE'S MY BREAKFAST?
GET YOUR OWN BREAKFAST... AND LUNCH... AND DINNER TOO! WHAT DO YOU DO FOR ME THAT I SHOULD BE YOUR SERVANT!

WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH THAT WOMAN? DON'T SHE UNDERSTAND NOTHING?

FROM THAT DAY ON, BARNEY NEVER HAD A MOMENT'S PEACE. ANNABELLE'S TONGUE CLANGED CONSTANTLY...
I WON'T STAND FOR IT!
HUMILIATING! DISGRACEFUL! YOU'VE GOT NO FEELINGS!
YOU SPEND SO MUCH TIME WITH RATS YOU LOOK LIKE ONE YOURSELF!
I'M FED UP! DO YOU HEAR ME... FED UP!
CHANGE! CHANGE! YOU GOTTA! CHANGE! YOUR JOB!

BARNEY WASN'T A SENSITIVE MAN... BUT AFTER ALL, HE DIDN'T HAVE NERVES OF STEEL, SO... A WEEK LATER...
OKAY, YOU WIN, I JUST TOOK UP A NEW LINE OF WORK!
OH, BARNEY... I KNEW YOU'D SEE THINGS MY WAY! WHAT TYPE OF WORK IS IT?
WELL, WHEN PEOPLE HAVE DISAGREE-MENTS THEY CAN'T SETTLE, I IRON THEM OUT: KIND OF... ER... PUBLIC RELATIONS WORK!
OH, HOW WONDERFUL IT SOUNDS SO INTEREST-ING AND DIGNIFIED, TELL ME MORE ABOUT IT!
SURE, COME HERE, I'LL SHOW YOU.

YOU SEE... I WORK WITH MY HANDS.
BARNEY! WH-WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
WHEN PEOPLE CAN'T GET ALONG...
I KIND OF...
AAARGHHH!
... SMOOTH THINGS OUT... LIKE THIS!

BARNEY DISPOSED OF WHAT HAD BEEN HIS WIFE AND WENT TO HIS NEW OFFICE WITH PRIDE WELL DONE!
BARNEY SHANE PROFFESIONAL KILLER
IT'S THE SAME GENERAL TYPE OF WORK... BUT LIKE SHE SAID IT'S MORE DIGNIFIED WHEN YOU DEAL WITH PEOPLE!
YES, BARNEY CHANGED HIS JOB, AND HE'S GET-TING ALONG FINE! AND, LIKE SO MANY MEN WHO GET TO THE TOP, HE OWES IT ALL TO THE LITTLE WOMAN!
THE END

A WEIRD TWIST OF FATE

HA HA HA!

C'MON VIRGIL ...*FIGHT!* YOU KNOW THE *TERMS* OF THIS *BOUT!* YOU GOT TO *WIN! FIGHT! FIGHT!*

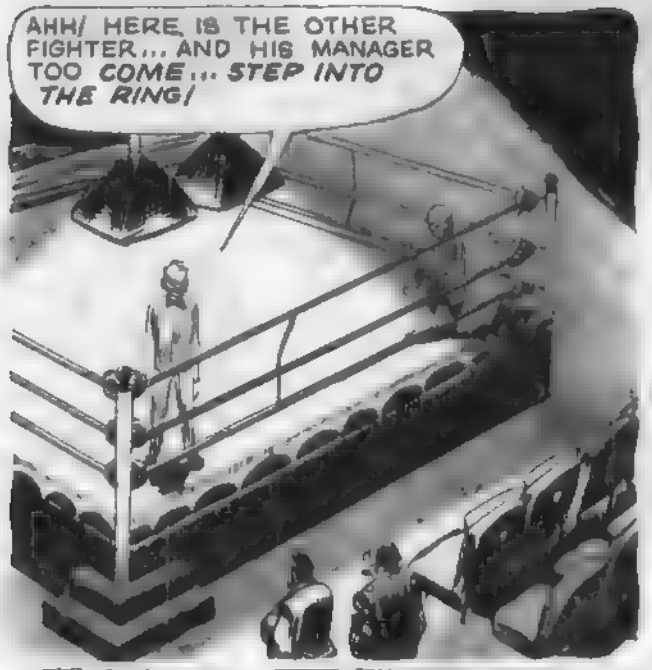
A LONE FIGURE WALKS THROUGH A LITTERED CORRIDOR, THROUGH A HEAVY, OMINOUS SILENCE

DRESSING ROOM

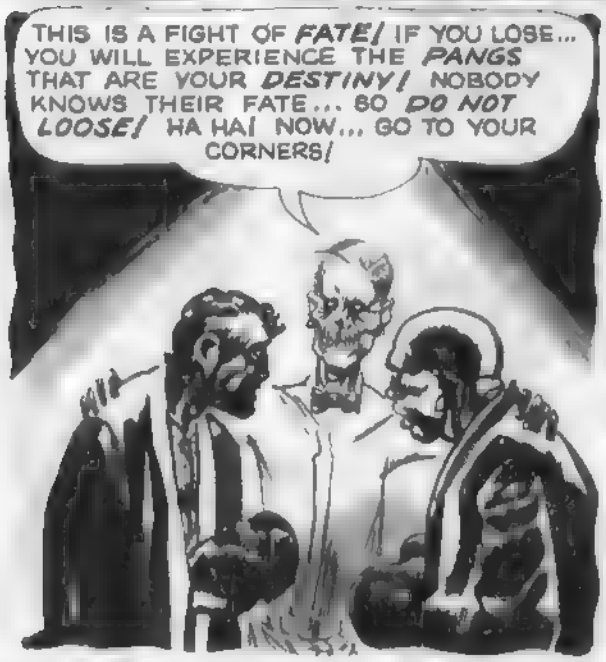
THEN, HE COMES TO A DOOR AND STOPS. HE'S COME TO THE *RIGHT* DOOR...

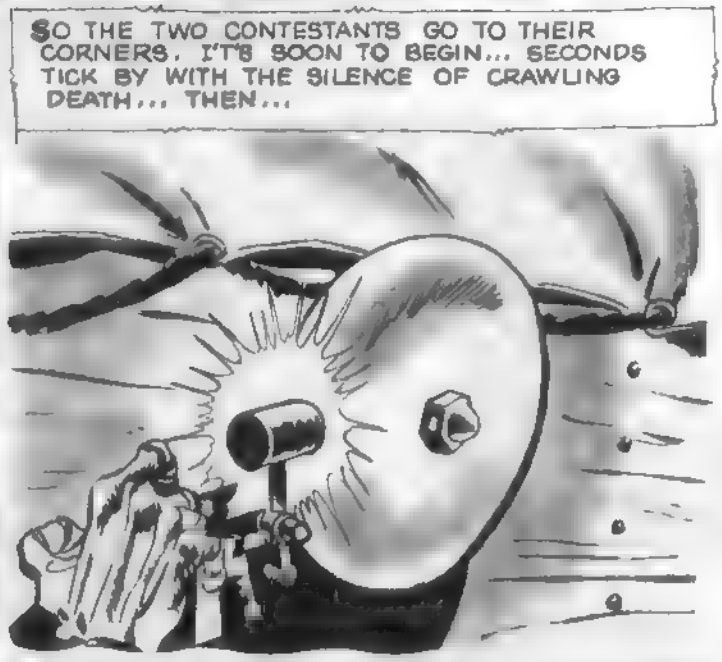
RESSI
ROOM

A MAN SITS ALONE BEHIND THAT DOOR...
I...I KNOW I MUST FIGHT! BUT I DON'T KNOW MY OPPONENT... I DON'T KNOW WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF I WIN... OR LOSE! AND I'M ALONE... ALL ALONE! I NEED HELP I...
ROOM
WAIT! SOMEONE AT THE DOOR, WHO?
WHA...?
HELLO, VIRGIL. MY NAME'S SAM KANE. I LEARNED THAT YOU'RE FIGHTING... AND I'VE COME TO HELP YOU!
I SURE NEED IT, MR. KANE... BUT WHY ME? WHY SHOULD YOU HELP ME?
STOP WORRYING, AND DON'T ASK SILLY QUESTIONS. I THINK YOU'RE A BORN FIGHTER! YOU'RE SURE TO WIN!
YOU SEE... I'M A MANAGER! I KNOW ABOUT FIGHTERS! LISTEN TO ME... AND YOU'LL WIN! PUT THIS ON AND LET'S GO!
OKAY MR. KANE ANYTHING YOU SAY I'M READY!
SO THE FIGHTER AND HIS NEW MANAGER WALK BACK THROUGH THE CORRIDOR, THEY SEE BEFORE THEM THE SQUARED ARENA... BECKONING, LOOMING...


AHH! HERE IS THE OTHER FIGHTER... AND HIS MANAGER TOO COME... STEP INTO THE RING!

THE FIGHTER AND HIS MANAGER HEAR THE REFEREE'S VOICE, AS THEY CLIMB THROUGH ROPES...
YES, THAT'S IT. NOW... BOTH FIGHTERS WILL GO TO THE CENTER OF THE RING FOR... UH... INSTRUCTIONS! HA HA!


THIS IS A FIGHT OF FATE! IF YOU LOSE... YOU WILL EXPERIENCE THE PANGS THAT ARE YOUR DESTINY! NOBODY KNOWS THEIR FATE... SO DO NOT LOOSE! HA HA! NOW... GO TO YOUR CORNERS!


SO THE TWO CONTESTANTS GO TO THEIR CORNERS. IT'S SOON TO BEGIN... SECONDS TICK BY WITH THE SILENCE OF CRAWLING DEATH... THEN...

GO TO HIM, VIRGIL. I KNOW I'M RIGHT! GO TO HIM!

THE TWO FIGHTERS TRADE BLOWS, AND, THEN FALL INTO A CLINCH...
GOT... UGH! A CLINCH THE FIGHT ...WHY ARE WE FIGHTING ?
I WISH I KNEW, BUSTER, BUT... ONE OF US GOT TO WIN!

... AND IT'S GOING TO BE ME!
UGH!

THE BELL... SAVED BY THE BELL! SO VIRGIL, WITH THANKS WORKED HIS WAY BACK TO HIS CORNER.
THE BELL SAVED YOU, VIRGIL! YOU LEFT YOURSELF WIDE OPEN!
I... KNOW, SOMEONE... COMING... OVER... HERE...

YOU ALMOST LOST IT THAT ROUND. HA HA! YOU SHOULD BE MORE CAREFUL ABOUT YOUR... FATE!
I... I UNDERSTAND...

ROUND TWO!
THERE'S THE BELL NOW... CROSS HIM WITH YOUR LEFT... KEEP ON CROSSING HIM, THEN... HIT HIM WITH THE RIGHT!
YEAH... YEAH...

VIRGIL REMEMBERS HIS MANAGER'S INSTRUCTIONS...
GOT TO CROSS HIM WITH...

... A LEFT

NUMBING BLACKNESS CLOSED IN ON VIRGIL... CAUSING HIM TO SINK INTO THE ESCAPELESS MIRES... CREATING WITHIN HIM THE SCREAMING HORROR OF BLIND *FATE*...

YES, IT IS THE BIG FIGHT THAT ALL OF US HAVE FACED... AND ALL OF US HAVE *LOST!*

The End

Satan, the Demon

WEALTH, FAME, FORTUNE, PLEASURE... ALL WERE GUY SOMMERS' FOR THE SPACE OF TWENTY YEARS! LIKE DR. FAUSTUS, HE HAD SOLD HIS SOUL FOR GOLD! BUT UNLIKE THE MAD DOCTOR, GUY SOMMERS WAS SURE HE WOULD NEVER HAVE TO PAY...

SATAN, THE DEMON

GUY SOMMERS, SCION OF A ONCE WEALTHY FAMILY, RUSHES TO HIS STOCK BROKER'S OFFICE IN ANSWER TO AN URGENT CALL...

YOUR STOCK HAS DROPPED 15 POINTS, MR. SOMMERS! I'M SORRY, BUT WE'LL HAVE TO SELL YOU OUT!

BUT THAT'S IM-IMPOSSIBLE! YOU CAN'T DO THIS TO ME! I'M RUINED! ALL MY READY CASH WAS IN THAT STOCK!

THEN AS GUY TRUDGES TOWARD HIS FACTORY, DISHEARTENED... FATE STRIKES A SECOND BITTER BLOW...

MR. SOMMERS, WHILE YOU WERE OUT, YOUR FACTORY CAUGHT FIRE! IT LOOKS LIKE A TOTAL LOSS!

OH, NO! *NO!* THIS IS THE LAST STRAW! I LET THE FIRE INSURANCE LAPSE! NOW I HAVE NOTHING LEFT IN THE WORLD!

LATER, AS GUY FACES HIS WIFE IN THEIR PALATIAL HOME...
AND NOW I DON'T HAVE A CENT LEFT IN THE WORLD! I HAVE ONLY... YOU!
SO YOU'RE BROKE, EH? THEN YOU DON'T HAVE ME, EITHER, GUY!

W-WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
YOU MIGHT AS WELL KNOW... I MARRIED YOU FOR YOUR MONEY! NOW YOU HAVEN'T GOT ANY! I'M LEAVING YOU! I'M GOING UP TO PACK! SO LONG, SUCKER!

THE WORLD HAS COLLAPSED AROUND ME! NO MONEY... MY FRIENDS WON'T HELP... AND NOW MY WIFE TURNS OUT TO BE A GOLD-DIGGER! IF I HAD ENOUGH MONEY TO GO AWAY AND START ALL OVER AGAIN... I'D SELL MY SOUL TO THE DEVIL!

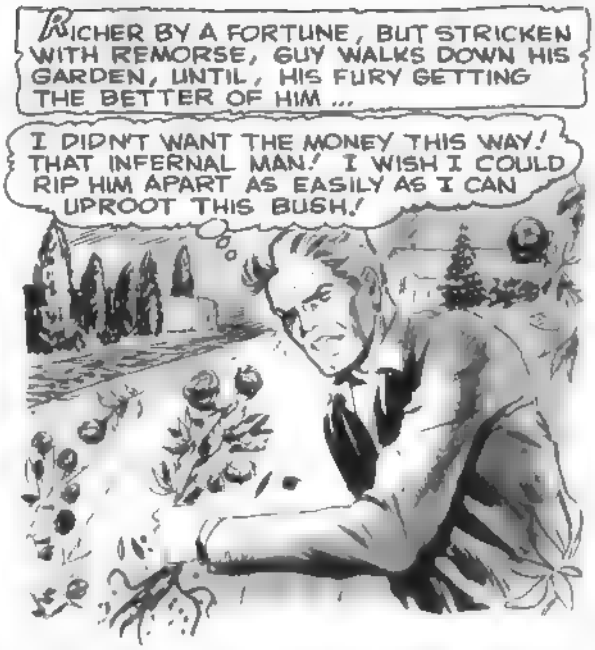
AND THEN...
WHAT THE DEVIL!?!
WH-WHO ARE YOU?

LET'S NOT BANDY MY NAME ABOUT, SHALL WE? YOU'LL SELL YOUR SOUL FOR MONEY, EH? VERY WELL— JUST SIGN THIS... AND YOU'LL BE RICH!
THIS MUST BE A DREAM! I DON'T BELIEVE IN... IN... YOU... BUT IN CASE IT'S TRUE... WHAT ARE YOUR TERMS?

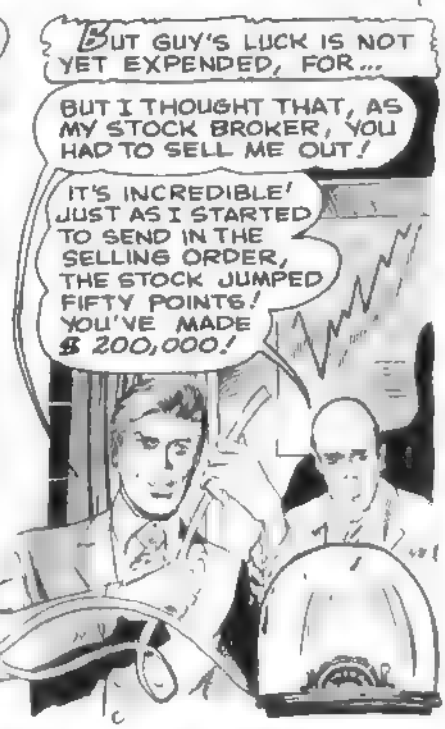
VERY SIMPLE... AND IT IS TRUE! JUST SIGN THIS AGREEMENT, AND YOU'LL BECOME THE RICHEST MAN ON EARTH... FOR TWENTY YEARS! AFTER THAT TIME, YOUR SOUL BECOMES MINE!
I WANT AN EXTRA CHANCE... I'LL LOSE MY SOUL TO YOU ONLY IF I DIE BY DROWNING!

THERE! I'VE SIGNED! DROWNING, EH? YOU'VE LOST ALREADY, FOR I'LL TAKE GOOD CARE TO STAY AWAY FROM WATER, MR...
JUST CALL ME BUBB... BEEL Z. BUBB! YOU HAVE 20 YEARS! AFTER THAT, WE'LL SEE... AH, THERE'S YOUR FIRST DELIVERY, NOW!

GUY FINDS THE FIRST OF THE DEVIL'S DELIVERIES... IN THE FORM OF A LIGHTNING BOLT WHICH KILLS HIS WIFE! AND LATER ...
LET ME EXPRESS MY SYMPATHIES, MR. SOMMERS. YOUR WIFE HAD INSURED EACH OF YOU FOR $100,000 -- AND HERE'S YOUR CHECK!
$100,000! OH, NO! I DIDN'T WANT THE MONEY THIS WAY!


RICHER BY A FORTUNE, BUT STRICKEN WITH REMORSE, GUY WALKS DOWN HIS GARDEN, UNTIL, HIS FURY GETTING THE BETTER OF HIM ...
I DIDN'T WANT THE MONEY THIS WAY! THAT INFERNAL MAN! I WISH I COULD RIP HIM APART AS EASILY AS I CAN UPROOT THIS BUSH!

AND THEN...
GREAT SCOTT! TH-THE ROOTS OF THE BUSH CAME OUT ... IT'S GOLD! I'VE BEEN LIVING OVER A GOLD MINE!


BUT GUY'S LUCK IS NOT YET EXPENDED, FOR...
BUT I THOUGHT THAT, AS MY STOCK BROKER, YOU HAD TO SELL ME OUT!
IT'S INCREDIBLE! JUST AS I STARTED TO SEND IN THE SELLING ORDER, THE STOCK JUMPED FIFTY POINTS! YOU'VE MADE $200,000!

AND THE NEXT MORNING, IN RESPONSE TO ANOTHER PHONE CALL, GUY FINDS...
I CAME RIGHT AWAY, MR. GUSETT! WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT?
AN UNCLE OF YOURS DIED, LEAVING YOU HIS WHOLE ESTATE! YOUR LEGACY IS OVER $1,000,000!

THE GOLD REMOVED, GUY PREPARES TO LEAVE ...
I WANT TO SELL MY HOME... SO I'M HAVING A WELL DUG FOR A FRESH WATER SUPPLY! AS YOU CAN SEE, THE HOUSE HAS BEEN REPAIRED. IT'S A STEAL AT $50,000!
HMMM. I'LL HAVE TO THINK IT OVER... SAY!... WHAT'S GOING ON AT THE WELL?

GOOD GRIEF! YOU WON'T WANT TO SELL NOW, SOMMERS! D'YOU KNOW WHAT THAT IS? YOU'VE STRUCK — OIL!

AND SO THE STORY GOES! AS THE YEARS PASS, EVERYTHING GUY SOMMERS TOUCHES TURNS TO GOLD!

BURIED PIRATE TREASURE... FROM THE BOTTOM OF THE SEA! I'VE NEVER SEEN SUCH LUCK, MR. SOMMERS!

MONEY... MONEY... MONEY! MILLIONS... BILLIONS! AND ALL MINE!

HIS STOCKS HAVE GONE UP 20 POINTS AGAIN! HE HAS THE DEVIL'S OWN LUCK!

UNTIL, EXACTLY 20 YEARS LATER...

YOUR BATH IS READY, SIR!

THANK YOU, BEASLEY! YOU MAY GO TO BED NOW! HMMM, IT'S JUST MIDNIGHT! THERE'S SOMETHING IMPORTANT ABOUT THIS DATE... BUT I CAN'T REMEMBER WHAT!

THIS FAUCET WON'T TURN! I CAN'T SHUT OFF THE WATER! I'D BEST WAKE UP BEASLEY, AND HAVE HIM GET A PLUMBER!

THIS DOOR! IT'S JAMMED! I CAN'T GET OUT! AND THE WATER IS STILL RUNNING!

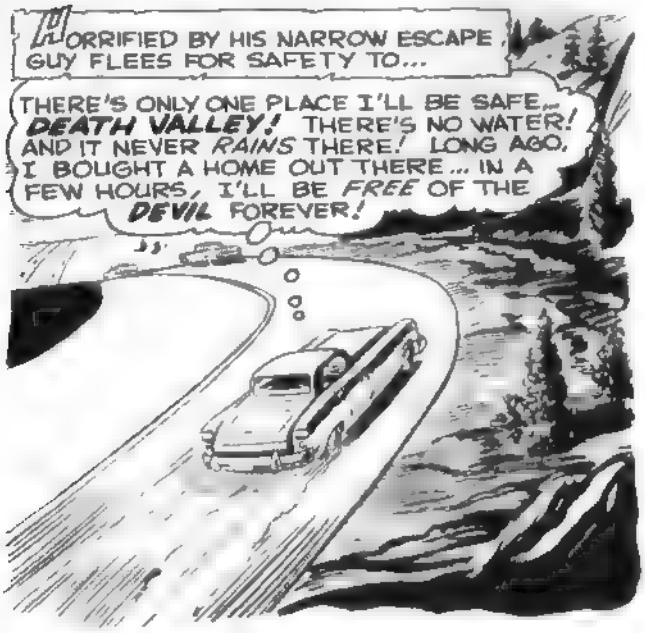
AND THEN THE MAN APPEARS TO CLAIM HIS DUE...

Y-YOU! B-BUT IT CAN'T BE! THE TWENTY YEARS AREN'T UP YET!

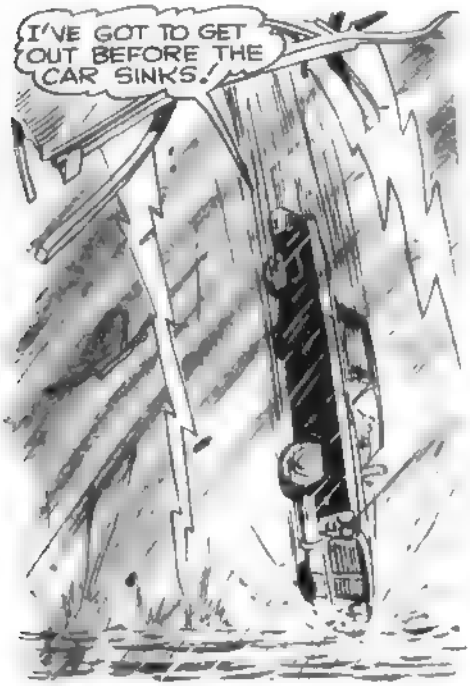
OH, YES THEY ARE... AT TWELVE MIDNIGHT EXACTLY! NOW YOU'RE TRAPPED IN THIS BATHROOM... AND YOU'LL DROWN! YOUR SOUL IS MINE, GUY SOMMERS!

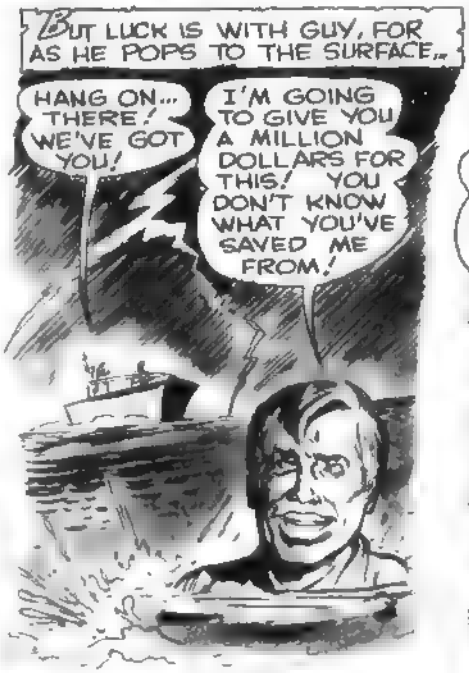
BUT GUY HAS A SUDDEN INSPIRATION... ONE LAST CHANCE...

WHEN WE SIGNED THE CONTRACT THERE WAS NO DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME! NOW THERE IS! IT WILL BE ONE HOUR MORE BEFORE MY TWENTY YEARS ARE UP!


HORRIFIED BY HIS NARROW ESCAPE, GUY FLEES FOR SAFETY TO...
THERE'S ONLY ONE PLACE I'LL BE SAFE... DEATH VALLEY! THERE'S NO WATER! AND IT NEVER RAINS THERE! LONG AGO, I BOUGHT A HOME OUT THERE... IN A FEW HOURS, I'LL BE FREE OF THE DEVIL FOREVER!

THEN ALMOST WITHIN SIGHT OF SAFETY, DISASTER STRIKES AGAIN...
THIS IS THE LAST BODY OF WATER BEFORE DEATH VALLEY! ONCE OVER THIS RIVER AND I'LL BE SAFE... WHAT WAS THAT?


I'VE GOT TO GET OUT BEFORE THE CAR SINKS!


BUT LUCK IS WITH GUY, FOR AS HE POPS TO THE SURFACE...
HANG ON... THERE! WE'VE GOT YOU!
I'M GOING TO GIVE YOU A MILLION DOLLARS FOR THIS! YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'VE SAVED ME FROM!

AND AT LAST, DESPITE THE EFFORTS OF HIS ENEMY, GUY WINS THROUGH TO HIS ULTIMATE REFUGE...
DEATH VALLEY... AND MY HOME AT LAST! I'M SAFE!
THERE'S NO WATER FOR ME TO DROWN IN HERE!

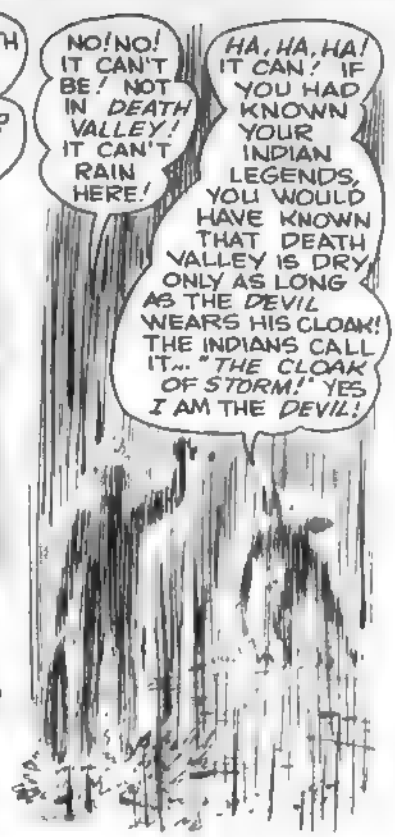
THE PEACEFUL DAYS PASS CALMLY AND SAFELY... AT LAST, GUY IS HAPPY AND SECURE...
WHAT A PLACE! I'VE NEVER BEEN HAPPIER IN MY LIFE! I'VE OUTWITTED YOU! DO YOUR WORST, BEEL Z. BUBB! I'VE GOT YOU LICKED!

BUT THE WORDS NO SOONER ARE OUT OF GUY'S MOUTH WHEN...
Y-YOU!
CERTAINLY! YOU DEFIED ME, DIDN'T YOU? YOU CROOK! YOU CHEAT... YOU, YOU... MORTAL!

YOU'VE GONE BACK ON OUR BARGAIN! YOUR SOUL BELONGS TO ME!
ONLY IF I DROWN! AND I CAN'T DROWN...IN DEATH VALLEY! YOU'VE LOST, BEEL Z. BUBB!

EVEN BEEL Z. BUBB HAS THE DEVIL OF A TEMPER, IT SEEMS...
IF I CAN'T GET YOUR SOUL, THEN I'LL LEAVE MY MARK ON YOU FOR LIFE!
ARRHH! LET... GO... OF MY.. M-MY THROAT!

EVEN YOUR STRENGTH IS WEAKER THAN I THOUGHT! WHAT HAVE MEN BEEN AFRAID OF YOU FOR? YOU'RE A FAKER! A... A WEAKLING!
HAHAHA, WAIT AND SEE!


NO! NO! IT CAN'T BE! NOT IN DEATH VALLEY! IT CAN'T RAIN HERE!
HA, HA, HA! IT CAN! IF YOU HAD KNOWN YOUR INDIAN LEGENDS, YOU WOULD HAVE KNOWN THAT DEATH VALLEY IS DRY ONLY AS LONG AS THE DEVIL WEARS HIS CLOAK! THE INDIANS CALL IT... "THE CLOAK OF STORM!" YES I AM THE DEVIL!

DRIVEN BEYOND HIS ENDURANCE, GUY'S NERVE SNAPS! WITH A SCREAM, HE RUNS FROM HIS TORMENTOR, UP A DRY ARROYO, ONLY TO FIND...
HA, HA, HA!
AIYEEE! NO! NO! IT'S A TRICK! IT CAN'T RAIN IN DEATH VALLEY! NO! NO!

THE ARROYO, NO LONGER DRY, AS TORRENTIAL RAINS RACE DOWN ON HIM...
EE'EEEEE!

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED! AND NOW IT'S BACK TO MY DOMINION AGAIN WITH A NEW RECRUIT! HA, HA, HA! THE MORAL IS... IF YOU SELL YOUR SOUL FOR MONEY-- THERE'S THE DEVIL TO PAY! HA, HA, HA, HA, HA!
the END

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THE WITCH DOCTOR

THE WEIRD THING BEGAN WHEN YOUNG PETER DANE WAS ASSISTANT TO THE BRITISH COMMISSIONER IN THE SMALL JUNGLE VILLAGE OF BOMA!

NATIVES ARE SURE EXCITED THESE DAYS, COMMISSIONER! WITCHCRAFT STUFF! OUGHTN'T WE STOP IT?

LET THEM ALONE, DANE!

SUCH THINGS ARE NOT FOR THE WHITE MAN, DANE--***DON'T PRY INTO THEM!***

O.K., COMMISSIONER!

BUT I'D CERTAINLY LIKE TO SEE WHAT'S GOING ON!

BUT, AS THE LIGHT OF THE AFRICAN MOON POURED DOWN AT MIDNIGHT...

THERE THEY GO TO THEIR MEETING PLACE... GOT TO BE VERY CAREFUL THEY DON'T SPOT ME!

A SECRET RITUAL--TABU FOR THE EYES OF A WHITE MAN!

THAT'S THE WITCH DOCTOR GETTING READY FOR A SACRED DANCE!

The MAGIC POTION WAS BREWED...

DRINK THE SACRED BREW...THEN DANCE, AND THE DEVILS ALL WILL BE FRIGHTENED AWAY FROM US!

IT'S THE ***LEOPARD DANCE***... I'LL BE THE FIRST WHITE MAN EVER TO SEE IT!

The DREAD AND TERRIBLE LEOPARD DANCE! THE NATIVE DRUMS SOUNDED THEIR FRANTIC RHYTHM, AND...

DANCERS WITH LEOPARD SKINS OVER THEM! BUT WAS THE MOON-LIGHT PLAYING TRICKS WITH DANE? SUDDENLY...
WHY... WHY THEY'VE TURNED INTO LEOPAROS! OH-OH-- I'VE BEEN SPOTTED!
MASTER, LOOK- WHITE MAN!
DANE BOLTED... AND AS HE PASSED THE LITTLE DAIS...
ACCURSED WHITE MAN!
THE MAGIC BREW! MIGHT AS WELL TAKE SOME AS A SOUVENIR! HA! HA!
AND AS DANE FLED...
IMPIOUS WHITE MAN! THE BLACK CURSE OF THE JUNGLE WILL BE UPON YOU!
AFTER THAT, DANE RESIGNED HIS POST AND WENT TO THE NEAR-BY SEAPORT OF NARABA! HE STILL HAD THE GOURD HE HAD STOLEN... AND ONE NIGHT...
WONDER WHAT THE STUFF WOULD TASTE LIKE?
THE AFRICAN MOONLIGHT WAS BRIGHT IN HIS WIN-DOW, LIKE A SIREN LURE...
JUST A SIP COULDN'T HURT ME..
HIS HEAD SWAM MADLY... AND IN ANOTHER MINUTE---
WHY... WHY... AAGHRR-R!
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THEN... A GHASTLY METAMORPHOSIS!
THE MOONLIGHT BECKONS... AND I MUST ANSWER THE CALL OF DEATH!

A HORRIBLE HUMAN BEAST! BUT THERE WAS A CUNNING IN HIM, SO THAT HE FLED UP INTO THE STEAMING JUNGLE...
A LION! HE DARES TO SNARL AT ME! AGGHHRR!

AND THEN WITH INHUMAN STRENGTH...
HA! HA! HA! HA!

SUDDENLY... LIKE A FIRE BEING QUENCHED...
OHH-H! THE DRUG'S WEARING OFF... I'M CHANGING BACK---

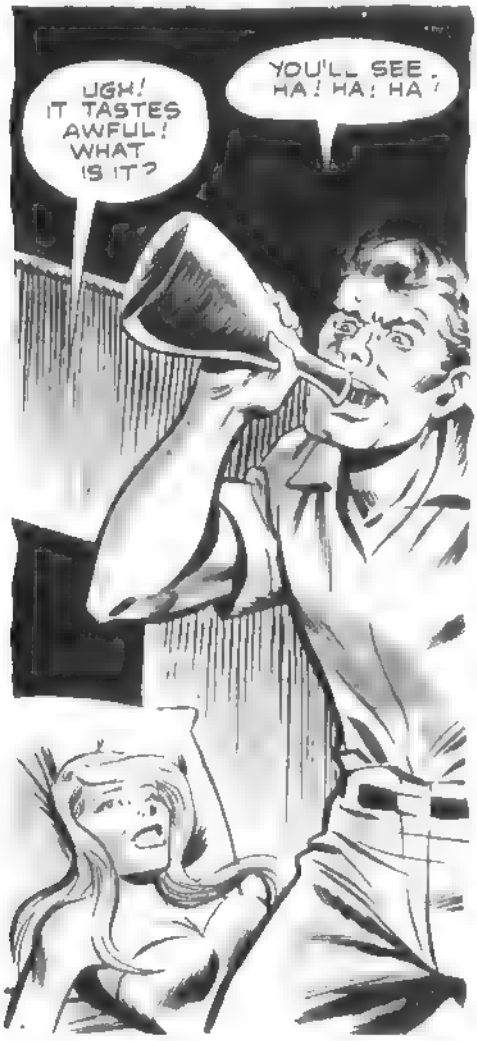
NOW, A WILD TERROR WAS UPON HIM...
GOT TO GET BACK TO MY HUT!

PETER DANE TOLD HIMSELF THAT HE WOULD THROW AWAY THE WITCH-BREW! BUT HE DIDN'T, AND THE NEXT NIGHT---
NO! NO! I WON'T DRINK IT... I WON'T!!
But... HE DID, AND...
THE NIGHT AWAITS ME! HA! HA! HA!
THAT NIGHT... AND ANOTHER... LIKE A DRUG ADDICT NOW! PETER DANE HAD NO JOB! HIS MONEY WAS GIVING OUT... AND ONE EVENING...
THERE'S THE U.S. CONSUL, AND HIS DAUGHTER... MAYBE I COULD GET A JOB IN THE CONSULATE!
CAFE
IN THE FOLLOWING WEEKS, HE RESISTED HIS GHASTLY, EVIL TEMPTATION, AND...
FATHER SAYS YOU'RE DOING FINE IN THE OFFICE, PETER!
I'M GLAD, DEAR!
I... I MUST NEVER TAKE THAT TERRIBLE STUFF AGAIN
Their MARRIAGE CEREMONY WAS SMALL... DANE CHOSE A LITTLE HOUSE AT THE EDGE OF THE VILLAGE ...
OH, PETER, I'M SO HAPPY!
SO AM I, DARLING!
THIS MOONLIGHT! THIS HORRIBLE MOONLIGHT... I-- I MUSTN'T!

BUT LATER THAT NIGHT--- WHEN ALICE WAS ASLEEP...
SHE'D NEVER KNOW... YET IF SHE'D FIND OUT, SHE'D LEAVE ME! BUT...BUT, MAYBE...

MAYBE IF I GIVE HER SOME, TOO...THEN WE COULD GO OUT TOGETHER!

LIKE A DRUG ADDICT WITH THE GHASTLY INSTINCT TO TEACH ANOTHER...
ALICE...YOU SAID YOU HAD A HEADACHE! TAKE A LITTLE SIP OF THIS...
WHAT DEAR?


HE HAD FORCED IT ON HER BEFORE SHE WAS REALLY AWAKE, AND...
UGH! IT TASTES AWFUL! WHAT IS IT?
YOU'LL SEE. HA! HA! HA!

BUT THERE WAS NO CURSE UPON THE BEAUTIFUL ALICE DANE... ONLY UPON HER HUSBAND. AND SHE DID NOT CHANGE!
PETER! PETER! AAAIEEE!
WHA--? IT DOESN'T DO ANYTHING TO HER!

GOT TO KILL HER, OR SHE'LL TELL! CAN'T KILL HER HERE---I'D BE CAUGHT!

HE RAN OUT INTO THE MISTY TROPICAL HILLS...
GOT TO KILL HER!
AND THEN ATOP A CLIFF...
TOO BAD IT WOULDN'T MAKE YOU BECOME LIKE ME, ALICE! AND NOW YOU HAVE TO DIE!!
HELP! HELP! AAIEEE!
BUT, SUDDENLY..
NO HARM CAN COME TO HER PETER DANE! THE GREAT SPIRITS WATCH OVER HER... ALWAYS! BUT YOU...
WHA...?
WHY DID THE ROCKS, THERE AT THE BRINK, SUDDENLY CRUMBLE UNDER THE TREAD OF THE MONSTER?
YOU SEE? YOU HAVE ALWAYS BEEN DOOMED, PETER DANE!
ARRRHHH!
THEN THERE WAS NOTHING THERE BUT THE BROKEN BODY OF PETER DANE..
OH PETER... PETER!
AT DAWN, A PARTY OF HUNTERS FOUND THE BABBLING WOMAN--- HYSTERICAL IN HER TERROR!
WHY... T'S MRS DANE!
WHAT HAPPENED?
OH-- T WAS HORRBLE HORRBLE! YOU WON'T BELEVE ME... NO ONE WOULD...
DARK AND TERRIBLE ARE THE BLACK MYSTERIES OF AFRICA! BEYOND THE BELIEF OF ANY WHITE MAN!
THE END!

ONS DE THE DOORWAY THERE WERE LIGHTS, MUSIC, THE LILTING LAUGHTER OF WOMEN! BUT WHAT SEEMED LIKE A ***PALACE OF PLEASURE*** WAS REALLY A YAWNING PIT OF ***HELL!!!***

HORROR CLUB

FINALLY HE SAW HER AGAIN, AND HER LAUGH RIPPLED HIS BLOOD LIKE A SUBTLE POISON!
OH, RAY... HA-HA-HA!
I MUST TALK TO HER... I'LL CUT IN...

SCRAM, BUDDY! THERE'S NO CUTTING IN WITH MY GIRL!

HUMILIATED, AND IN FRONT OF HER TOO, HE STALKED FROM THE FLOOR AND BLACK THOUGHTS SEETHED IN HIS BRAIN...
THAT BIG APE HASN'T SEEN THE LAST OF ME! I'LL...
MAY I HAVE A LIGHT, PLEASE!
HUH?

YOU MUSTN'T MIND RAY... HE'S AN OLD FRIEND, AND LIKES TO THINK HE'S MY WATCHDOG!
WELL, PERHAPS SOMEBODY OUGHT TO MUZZLE THAT DOG!

BY THE WAY, I'M DAWN LEE! I DON'T BELIEVE I'VE SEEN YOU AT THE CLUB BEFORE!
I'M DAVE ROBBINS, AND I JOINED THIS CLUB TONIGHT, THE MOMENT I SAW YOU IN THE DOORWAY!

SOON SHE WAS IN HIS ARMS AND HER STEP WAS AS LIGHT AS AN AUTUMN LEAF... OR AS LIGHT AS A GHOST!
WHAT IS A GIRL AS BEAUTIFUL AS YOU DOING AT A FRIENDSHIP CLUB? SURELY YOU HAVE NO TROUBLE WITH YOUR FACE!
PERHAPS, DAVE YOU DO NOT SEE THE REAL ME! PERHAPS I'M A BEAUTIFUL VISION IN YOUR IMAGINATION! HA-HA!

THAT LAUGH AGAIN... MYSTERIOUS.. AS FRAGILE AS ICE FALLING AND TINKLING ON A PAVEMENT... AND SOMEHOW AS COLD AS A CEMETERY WIND! BUT SOON SHE HAD TO LEAVE...
IT'S BEEN FUN, DAVE!
DAWN, I MUST SEE YOU AGAIN!

DAVE ROBBINS COULDN'T GET HER OUT OF HIS M NO! SHE WAS HIS GOAL AND HE SET OUT TO OWN HER...
SHE'S SO STRANGELY BEAUTIFUL! WE'D LOOK SPLENDID AS MAN AND WIFE! IT MUST BE AT ANY COST!

BUT SOON HE SAW SOMETHING THAT STABBED AT HIS HEART WITH THE COLD FURY OF A MURDERER'S KNIFE!
AGAIN WITH RAY, ...THE SECOND T ME THIS WEEK! THAT DOG HASN'T THE RIGHT TO SPEAK HER LOVELY NAME!

THRU THE LONG, BITTER HOURS HE WAITED, THEN...
GOOD N GHT, RAY... THANKS FOR THE LOVELY TIME!
AND DON'T FORGET, DAWN... I VE GOT TO HAVE YOUR ANSWER SOON. I M AS RICH AS I M NOT HANDSOME... AND I CAN GIVE YOU EVERYTHING MONEY CAN BUY!

RAY STARTED HOME, AND A CAR SLITHERED AWAY FROM THE CURB...

NO... NO! AAAHHH!

THERE WAS A DULL THUD ON THE BUMPER... THE SCREAMING WAS OVER AND A CAR SPED AWAY LEAVING DEATH AS ITS WAKE!

NO ONE SAW ME! I COULDN'T ASK FOR MORE! AND NOW, EVERYTHING WILL BE DOWNHILL!

FOR SEVERAL DAYS DAVE ROBBINS KEPT HIMSELF LOCKED IN HIS ROOM HIS CAR LOCKED IN THE GARAGE, AND A SECRET LOCKED IN HIS HEART! FINALLY HE CALLED HER AND SHE CONSENTED TO MEET HIM...
DAWN--HOW WONDERFUL IT IS TO SEE YOUR BEAUTIFUL FACE AGAIN! LET'S WALK IN THE PARK.. I--I MUST TELL YOU SOMETHING!
ALL RIGHT, DAVE...WHATEVER YOU WISH!

LISTEN TO ME, DAWN... LISTEN TO WHAT I'VE DONE BECAUSE OF YOU! IT WAS I WHO KILLED RAY! I COULDN'T LET ANYONE STAND BETWEEN US AND YOU'VE GOT TO MARRY ME!
OF COURS I WILL, DARLING--ONLY YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO KILL RAY! I'D NEVER MARRY AN UGLY MAN LIKE HIM! IT'S YOUR HANDSOME FACE I WANT NEXT TO MINE!

SHE NEVER BLINKED AN EYE.. HER COLD LIPS BLENDED WITH HIS AND HER ARMS CIRCLED HIS NECK LIKE SILENT PALE SNAKES...

YOU.. YOUR CHEEK IS SO COLD!
IT'S THE NIGHT AIR MY DARLING! NEVER MIND THAT! JUST TELL ME WHEN WE'LL BE MARRIED!

LIFE MOVED FAST AFTER THAT NIGHT! SOON THE TWO OF THEM STOOD BEFORE THE MAN WHO WOULD UNITE THEM FOR *LIFE*!

...AND DO YOU, DAVE, TAKE THIS WOMAN DAWN...

AREN'T THEY THE MOST STRIKING COUPLE YOU'VE EVER SEEN?

ALMOST *TOO* GOOD LOOKING TO BE TRUE!

AND THEN, DAVE CARRIED HIS BRIDE HOME! HE HAD SUCCEEDED, AND THIS UNMATCHABLE BEAUTY WAS HIS! BUT THERE WAS STILL A *SECRET* HE HAD TO TELL..ONE SECRET THAT COULD WAIT NO LONGER...

I SUPPOSE, DAWN, YOU'VE WONDERED WHY THERE'S NEVER BEEN ANOTHER WOMAN IN MY LIFE... WHY I SOUGHT YOU AT THE ***FRIENDSHIP CLUB!*** I DIDN'T WANT TO TELL YOU THIS BEFORE, BUT IT'S TOO LATE FOR YOU TO DO ANYTHING!

DAVE... YOU ***FRIGHTEN*** ME... WHAT IS IT?

YOU SEE, DARLING, THINGS ARE NOT ALWAYS AS THEY APPEAR! HAH-HA-HA!

NOW COME HERE!

OF COURSE, DAVE... I'M YOUR ***WIFE!*** BUT, DEAR, HAVEN'T YOU EVER WONDERED WHY ONE AS BEAUTIFUL AS ***I*** HAVE NEVER MARRIED? BEFORE YOU KISS ME LET ME TELL YOU ***MY*** SECRET!

THE GIRL WHO NEVER SHUDDERED WHEN SHE LEARNED OF RAY'S DEATH...WHO DIDN'T TURN HER HEAD WHEN SHE SAW THE HORROR OF DAVE'S FACE, WHIPPED A HAND TO HER BEATIFUL FACE...AND WITH A GENTLE, URGING VOICE---

NOW, DAVE... AREN'T YOU GOING TO ***KISS*** YOUR WIFE?

THE END

DEATH TO THE WITCH

WHO'S THERE? WHAT ARE YOU DOING? NO... NO! AIIEEEEE!

THE SIGN SAID SEVEN MILES, BUT IT SEEMED AS THOUGH WE DROVE SEVENTY BEFORE WE REACHED TOWN...
FUNNY-- NO ELECTRICITY!
JIM, SOMETHING ABOUT THIS PLACE GIVES ME THE WILLIES!

BUT EVEN AS I SPOKE I WONDERED! THERE WAS SOMETHING EERIE ABOUT STONEDEN!
WHAT HAPPENED TO THE LIGHTS?
THESE ARE THE "DAYS OF 1760!" EACH YEAR WE TURN BACK THE CLOCK FOR A WEEK...

NO BLARING RADIOS! WE WEAR COSTUMES! GREAT FOR THE TOURIST TRADE!

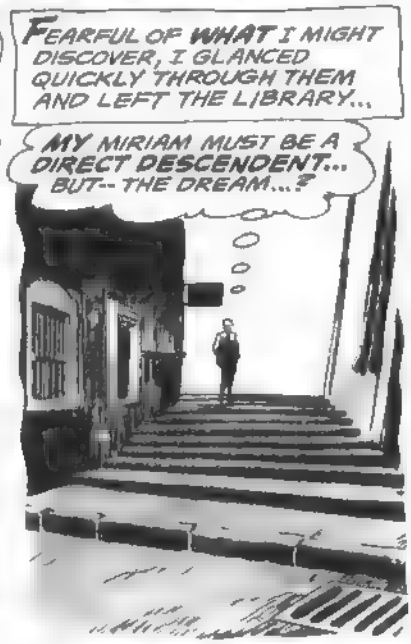
SEE-- JUST A CIVIC CELEBRATION! TOMORROW WE'LL LOOK AROUND... MIGHT BE FUN!
I WAS PRETTY SILLY, DARLING, STILL...?

SOME HOURS LATER, JUST BEFORE DAWN, MIRIAM AWOKE WITH A START--
NO! NO! DON'T BURN ME! EEAAYHH!
MIRIAM! WHAT'S WRONG?

THERE--THERE--DARLING, IT WAS JUST A NIGHTMARE--
NO, NO-- IT WAS MORE THAN THAT! I WAS TRIED AS A WITCH!

AFTER A BIT I SUGGESTED WE TAKE A STROLL ABOUT TOWN IN HOPES OF ERASING HER HORRIBLE DREAM FROM HER MIND!

THEN, AS WE STOOD STARING ABOUT US...
COME ALONG, FOLKS, IT'S ALL FREE! SEE THE SIGHTS OF OLD STONEDEN!
COME ON, SWEETHEART, LET'S GO, TOO!
JIM--I--WELL, ALL RIGHT!
THIS WAS THE PUNISHMENT FOR DRUNKENESS IN THE OLD DAYS!
AND THIS, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, IS A REPLICA OF THE STAKE UPON WHICH THE WITCHES WERE BURNT!
SUDDENLY, MIRIAM BECAME HYSTERICAL AGAIN AS THOUGH BEWITCHED!
THIS PLACE--STAKE--FLAMES--
MUST RUN... THEY MUST NOT GET ME!
MIRIAM! WAIT FOR ME! WHAT'S WRONG?
WH--WHAT HAPPENED?
DON'T TRY TO TALK NOW! I'LL TAKE YOU TO THE ROOM--YOU REST A BIT...



PUZZLED, STRANGELY TROUBLED, I HASTENED BACK TO THE INN TO FIND MY WIFE--GONE!!

I MUST BE LOOSING MY MIND! I CAN'T HELP MYSELF! I HAVE TO MOUNT THE PLATFORM...

FOR SOME UNEXPLAINABLE REASON, WHEN I FOUND MIRIAM I WAITED... WATCHED...

ONCE SHE WAS UPON THE PLATFORM SHE STOOD FOR A MOMENT LOOKING ABOUT HER!

WITH MOUNTING HORROR, I WATCHED MY WIFE PLACE HER HANDS WITHIN THE IRON FETTERS...

A WIND CAME UP AND SWELLED ABOUT ME, I FELT AS THOUGH I WERE RUSHING BACKWARD IN TIME...

THEN I HEARD THE VOICES IN THE WIND AND I SAW FIGURES...
DEATH TO THE WITCH!
BURN THE WITCH!

YOUR DUTY, EXECUTIONER, DO YOUR DUTY...
THE WITCH... YOUR JOB...
THIS, I KNEW, COULD BE NOTHING BUT A DREAM! AND YET, I HEARD VOICES... TALKING TO ME...

I GLANCED UP AND THE EYES OF MY BRIDE, BRIGHT WITH FEAR, STARED DOWN AT ME...
WHERE AM I-- WHAT AM I DOING HERE? JIM-- JIM? WHY ARE YOU LOOKING AT ME SO STRANGELY?

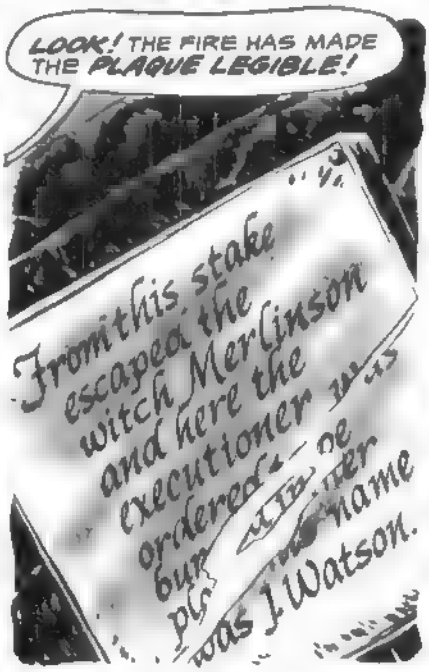
AND THEN I KNEW-- SHE WAS NOT MY WIFE -- SHE WAS THE WITCH-- MIRIAM MERLINSON--

JIM! JIM! I'M YOUR WIFE! WHAT ARE YOU DOING? NO-- DON'T!

YOUR SENTENCE READS-- "TO BE BURNT AT THE STAKE UNTIL DEAD!
AA!!!EEE!!

SUDDENLY, MY WIFE'S SCREAMS, RIPPED AWAY MY INSANE ENCHANTMENT...
MIRIAM! MIRIAM! WHAT HAVE I DONE??

AND THEN, AS HER SCREAMS DIED AWAY, I REMEMBERED A NAME!
I HAVE KILLED MY WIFE - MY LOVE.


LOOK! THE FIRE HAS MADE THE PLAQUE LEGIBLE!
From this stake escaped the witch Merlinson and here the executioner ordered burned was James Watson.

BELIEVE ME, PLEASE, I'M NOT INSANE! I DIDN'T KILL HER! HER EXECUTIONER USED MY BODY! HE WAS ALIVE AGAIN EVEN THOUGH HE HAS BEEN IN HIS GRAVE FOR THREE CENTURIES!!
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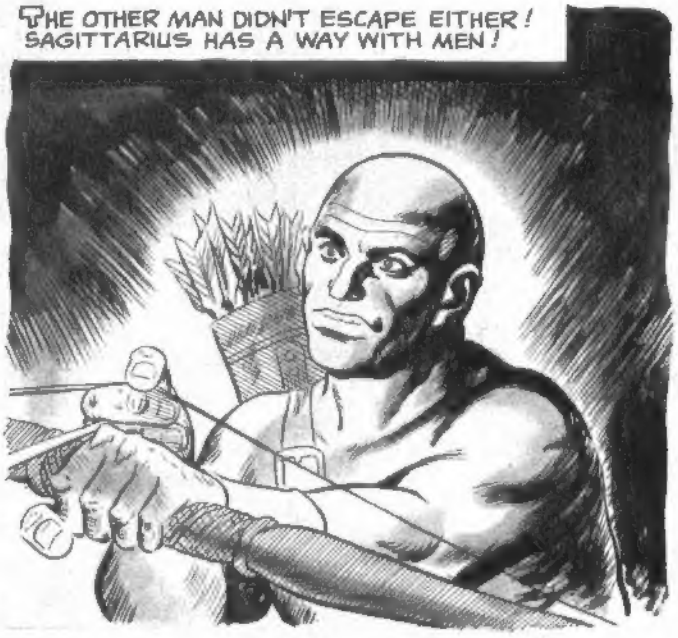
...WE WERE FORCED TO SELL! ALL TENANTS MUST LEAVE WITHIN A MONTH!
BUT WE CAN'T LEAVE! WE ARE IN THE MIDST OF SUCCESS! WE CAN'T STOP NOW!
IF YOU'RE NOT OUT OF HERE IN THIRTY DAYS, MR BLACK... WE'LL THROW YOU OUT!
EVICT US? YOU BLITHERING IDIOT! YOU'LL LIVE TO CURSE THE DAY YOU CAME HERE!
THE ASTROLOGERS WERE MEN OF PURPOSE AND CONTINUED THEIR EXPERIMENTS...
WE MUST DESTROY THOSE MEN BEFORE THEY RUIN US!
THEN WE MUST BRING TO LIFE THE SIGNS UNDER WHICH WE WERE BORN! ONLY THEY CAN SAVE US!
THE SKY EXPLODED WITH LIGHTNING AND THUNDER...AND THE UNHOLY MADNESS GAVE LIFE TO THE CREATURES OF THE ZODIAC...
SCORPIO! SIGN OF MY BIRTH...TAKE SHAPE IN THE WORLD OF FLESH AND BLOOD!
SAGITTARIUS... SIGN OF THE ARCHER! BRING ME YOUR DEADLY BOW AND POISONED ARROW!
SEE, BLAKE! IT WORKED! THEY ARE READY TO SERVE US!
WE'LL NEVER HAVE TO LEAVE NOW! THEY WILL SEE THAT WE ARE FOREVER SECURE!
GO...SEEK OUT THE LANDLORDS! YOUR INSTINCT SHALL LEAD YOU... SEE THAT THEY NEVER TROUBLE US AGAIN!
WHEN YOU HAVE FINISHED... THERE WILL BE OTHER TASKS!

LATER, IN FRONT OF A LARGE OFFICE BUILDING, THE LANDLORDS BID EACH OTHER GOOD NIGHT!
TAKE IT EASY, BOB... SORRY WE HAD TO WORK OVERTIME TONIGHT!
AT LEAST WE GOT THOSE TWO CRACKPOTS TO CLEAR OUT! THEY WON'T BE ANY TROUBLE TO US NOW!

HMM... IT'S AS QUIET AS A GRAVEYARD TONIGHT... AWFULLY QUIET... I WONDER WHAT TIME IT IS? MAYBE I SHOULD...

...YES, IT IS QUIET... QUIET AS A GRAVEYARD!
WHAT TH---
YAARGH-H-H!


THE OTHER MAN DIDN'T ESCAPE EITHER! SAGITTARIUS HAS A WAY WITH MEN!

NO!... D-DON'T! STOP!!
YAAA-A!!

WITH THEIR BLOODY VENGEANCE COMPLETED, THE ASTROLOGERS MAKE THE ARCHER THEIR SLAVE AND THE MONSTROUS SCORPION A PET...
GO, FINE ARCHER... BRING FRESH HUMAN FOOD FOR MY SCORPION! HIS APPETITE IS IMMENSE!
THE ARCHER IS MY OWN CREATURE... YET HE ABUSES HIM TO PLEASE HIS PET!

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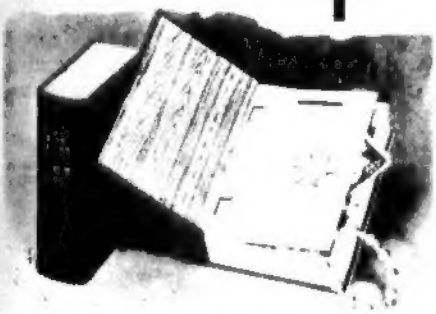

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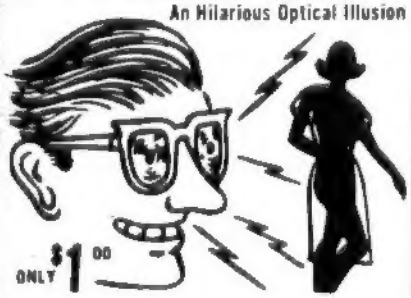

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GOADED AND HOUNDED BY THE INSANE ASTROLOGER, THE ARCHER'S BODY TWISTS IN A WHIRLPOOL OF AGONY UNTIL--
WHA... HOW DARE YOU BREAK YOUR CHAINS... LISTEN TO ME...
SNAP
RAWRRRR!
STOP! THE SCORPION BELONGS TO ME... I CREATED HIM! STOP!
HE RIPPED HIM APART! UGH! I FEEL STRANGE... WHAT'S HAPPENING TO ME?
I-I FEEL WEAK! MY SKIN'S ALL WRINKLED -- I-I'M GROWING OLD FAST! I-I-I DON'T UNDER-STAND...
AND WHEN THE ARCHER TURNED TO FIND HIS TORMENTOR, HE SAW NOTHING BUT A HEAP OF CLOTHES, FOR HE DESTROYED THE SCORPION, THE SIGN THAT GAVE BLAKE HIS LIFE... AND WITHOUT HIS SIGN OF THE ZODIAC, BLAKE HAD NO EXISTENCE!!
...AND NEITHER DID OTHER PEOPLE BORN UNDER SCORPIO. THINK!! WHAT SIGN WERE YOU BORN UNDER???
THE END